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PROFILE OF THE MONTH



Mr. Peter Liepman, versatile Manager of COM (open).

The Classmate takes great pride in introducing Mr. Peter Liepman, Manager of COM (open). He is a dedicated man who will make your tour here a pleasant one. He is the heart of the Officer's Club! You may find him in the kitchen testing a sauce, or calling Bingo. He is near whenever you have a section party, assuring its success . . . or you may see him in the halls chatting with a group of students. He vibrates energy and cheerfulness and is profoundly happy in his chosen work.

Mr. Liepman was born in Berlin, Germany, where he lived until the age of 12. His family then moved to Shanghai. There he enrolled in a trade school. Trade schools in Europe and the Asiatic countries are completely different from those in this country. There a student serves his apprenticeship during the day in his desired vocation. At night he attends school where he receives a liberal arts education. The students are offered extensive courses in literature, philosophy, mathematics and science. The father pays a tuition for the first six months for the privilege of sending his child to this school. Thereafter, the tuition is earned through his apprenticeship. It was at this school that Mr. Liepman earned a rating as a journeyman with a Pastry Chef classification. Needless to say, pastries are his first love!

During pre-war days, Shanghai was considered the Paris of today. It was the "fun center" of the world and had the finest restaurants to be found anywhere. Mr. Liepman was fortunate in being able to study under a noted Viennese chef at "Marlene's," a famous Czechoslovakian restaurant.

Mr. Liepman's boyhood memories are nostalgically of Shanghai rather than of the hectic years spent in Germany. Even today there is a special twinkle in his eye and an inward chuckling as he recalls his youthful days in China.

Nineteen year old Peter Liepman arrived in the United States and was employed in San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel as Pastry Chef. He proudly relates the honor of baking a special birthday cake for Nat King Cole's wife. Mr. Cole was so pleased with the results of the huge, elaborately decorated cake that he rewarded Mr. Liepman handsomely for his efforts.

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August 22, 1962

Rear Adm Marshall E. Dornin
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Dear Admiral Dornin:

You may already be familiar with Children's House, a non-profit resident care center for disturbed and retarded children. It is operated by Mrs. Byington Ford, in Carmel Valley. Last year, in conjunction with it, Mrs. Ford started a school for disturbed children.

This school is directed by an accredited teacher, but since the teacher-child relationship is on a one-to-one basis, we need quite a few volunteer teachers who can give two hours, two mornings a week. For these teachers, no formal training is required, just a fondness for children and a reasonable amount of patience.

Because of the transient nature of our Navy population, many of them are probably not aware of the need for volunteer help, although many of them would be willing to give their services if they knew of the need. Perhaps you could help us by publicizing our need for teachers. The new school building should be completed by October, and classes should start about the first or second week of that month. If you could tell any interested volunteers to get in touch with Mrs. Byington Ford at OL 9-2339, or with Mrs. Jess Gressett at PR 2-7749, it would make our task much easier.

Thank you for any assistance you are able to give us.

Sincerely, *Helen Gressett* Mrs. Jess Gressett

While in San Francisco, Mr. Liepman attended school during the day and worked at night. He earned an Associate of Arts degree with a major in Hotel and Restaurant Administration at City College of San Francisco.

After completing school, he decided that club work would best satisfy his desires and most certainly his talents. There is more of a challenge in club managing than there is in managing restaurants or hotels.

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The kitten has been a source of much enjoyment to the children. She provides good company, many laughs and is also a good foot-warmer. The men in the family believe that her best attribute is the lack of a speaking voice.

Monday through Friday, Marta the kitten greets us with a bright "Meow" and a hug around the ankles. She would be impossible to replace at any cost.

It has been our custom since the children are older, to "sleep in" on Saturday mornings. The children are normally up quite early, and there really is no harm in eating macaroni shells for breakfast, if one has the taste for them.

They are usually loud, normal children, but through years of "conditioning" they have been taught to be reasonably quiet on Saturday mornings. However, all has not been normal on recent Saturday mornings. Let us take a classic example . . . The house

was still and peaceful, meaning everyone was asleep. Suddenly there was a loud ringing noise! Perhaps if one ignored it, it might go away! No, there it was again! At this point, let me interject that things became as in one of "Smokey Stovers" inventions. It was the telephone which had broken the beautiful stillness.

The ringing woke the sweet, furry little kitten named Marta. Marta wanted company, and promptly began to cry at the bedroom doors. I have already noted her size, but that morning her voice was that of a tiger! Her doleful "Meooooow" could be heard throughout the house. The children took pity on her. They played with her, and they were not their quiet Saturday morning selves. This woke the remaining sleepers!

The kitchen clock read 7:30 a.m. The telephone had stopped ringing.

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Monday morning is a busy one. Everyone is up very early. It is now 11:30 a.m. Dear, sweet little Marta has been asleep for hours after sending the children off to school.

The telephone has not rung once!

GET YOUR TICKETS
EARLY FOR
'KISMET'

PROFILE OF THE MONTH

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While in San Francisco, he married his childhood sweetheart from Shanghai days. Mrs. Liepman was born in Vienna and raised in Shanghai. They now have three fine sons.

Mr. Liepman arrived at the Postgraduate School in January, 1956. Here his desire for variety was fulfilled. He handles all the social scheduling, meal planning, menus for those special parties . . . which seem to occur every weekend, and assists the Wives Club with their social needs. He has acquired the skill of being able to guess very accurately the attendance for social events held at the club.

Our club manager does not limit himself to merely doing his job. He not only works 15-hour days on Wednesdays and Fridays, but belongs to a bowling league and proudly displays his first trophy. He also participates in the Little Theatre Productions. In Brigadoon he was the bartender, in Li'l Abner the butler, and in the coming production, Kismet, he will play the role of her- alder.

This Officer's Club is unlike any other. Mr. Liepman's enthusiasm and constant search for improvement and expansion becomes evident after a brief conversation with him, or after attending your first social function here. He wishes all officers and their guests would think of the club as *their* club . . . theirs for relaxation, entertainment and an enjoyable evening. The private rooms available for parties are designed so that you can plan whatever type evening you desire.

The club has had virtually the same staff for seven years. The key personnel that began with Mr. Liepman in the kitchen and bar are still here. The years together have provided a well coordinated, efficient staff to offer you a perfect evening of entertainment.



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